4. The total value of stores purchased in India and from abroad amounted to Rs. 25,96,320 as against Rs. 33,75,671 during the previous year. Of this, orders to the value of Rs. 9,45,574-5-4 were for foreign articles and of Rs. 16,50,744-14-2 for those made in India. All foreign materials were ordered through the Trade Commissioner for Mysore in London except cables, insulators, tallow, etc., obtained direct from firms in America and Australia which are not represented in England. With the creation of the post of the Trade Commissioner in London, Mr. H. D. Rice, who was previously the Agent in London, was appointed as Assistant to the Trade Commissioner. Purchases of Railway materials were as usual made in consultation with Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton. The policy of giving all possible encouragement to local industries and manufacturers was adhered to and in furtherance of this object, the Committee have under consideration the question of introducing the rupee tender system in the case of all stores purchased for the use of the Government Departments.

5. The Committee investigated the possibility of manufacturing locally some of the drugs, medicines, etc., which are purchased annually for the Medical Department. As a result of this investigation, Germicidal soap and Iodoform, which were hitherto obtained from abroad, have been successfully produced at the Government Soap Factory. It is also proposed to get wooden splints required for Hospital use made from the Central Jail in future.

6. The expenditure on account of the establishment of the Stores Purchase Committee including the commission paid to the Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Tritton and the fixed contribution of £ 300 towards the cost of the Trade Commissioner's Office in London, amounted to Rs. 37,164 which works out to 1·4 per cent on the total value of the orders placed by the Committee.

7. Government note with pleasure that the work of the Committee continued to be satisfactory.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Sale of the right of Collecting Toll.

READ—

Letter No. C. 467—30-31, dated 23rd August 1930, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending for reasons given that the sales of the right of collecting tolls at the State Fund Toll-gates might, with advantage to the Government and the public alike, be held by the Deputy Commissioner of each District in one central place according to a consolidated programme for the whole State to be issued by him and not separately as at present, and stating that the sales in each District might also be so timed as to afford facilities for the intending bidders to go from District to District and be present at successive sales, and suggesting that a similar procedure might be followed with advantage in respect of the sales of District Fund Toll-gates also.

ORDER NO. R. 2368-79—R. M. 3-30-3, DATED 25TH OCTOBER 1930.

Government are pleased to approve of the procedure proposed by the Revenue Commissioner and to direct that the sales be held at District Headquarters according to a suitable programme.

B. NARAYANASWAMI IYENGAR,
Offg. *Secretary to Government,*
Development Departments.

Reviews the Report on the working of the Amrit Mahal Department during the year 1929-30.

READ—

Letter No. C. 776-30, dated 9th September 1930, from the Director of Agriculture, forwarding the report on the *working of the Amrit Mahal Department for 1929-30, with his remarks thereon.

ORDER No. D. 4552-61—A. M. 2-30-3, DATED 28TH OCTOBER 1930.

Recorded.

Mr. B. Lakshmipathi, the Officiating Amrit Mahal Superintendent was, in addition to his duties, in charge of the Live Stock Section during a portion of the year and of the Cattle Breeding Station at Ajjampur till 6th February 1930, when it was placed under the direct control of the Director of Agriculture.

CONDITION OF THE CATTLE.

The condition of the cattle was generally fair except in parts of Challakere and Tumkur Ranges where they suffered for want of adequate hot weather Kavals. The Director of Agriculture, reports, that it is under contemplation to reduce the number of herds and of cattle with a view to have a really good stock, by keeping only the best animals and disposing of the rest. His proposals in the matter are awaited.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

The total mortality in the several herds on account of contagious diseases amounted to 50 as against 36 during the year preceding. The inoculation of herds against rinderpest which was hitherto being done by the Civil Veterinary Department was taken up this time by the staff of the Serum Institute.

The total amount realised by sale of cattle during the rear under report was Rs. 33,128 as against Rs. 39,215-4-0 in the past year. The decrease is said to be due chiefly to the transfer of young bulls to the Cattle Breeding Station for training and sale for breeding purposes.

The Administration of the Department during the year was on the whole satisfactory.

B. NARAYANASWAMI IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

LAW SECRETARIAT.

Abolition of the Bench Courts at Gubbi and Kortagere.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. R. O. C. 92, dated 24th October 1930, from the Registrar, High Court, recommending sanction to the proposals of the District Magistrate, Tumkur, to abolish the Bench Courts at Gubbi and Kortagere as they are not working satisfactorily, the 3rd class cases of Gubbi being tried by the Second Magistrate, Tumkur and those of Kortagere by the First Class Magistrate, Madhugiri, at their headquarters.

No. P. 2462-4—Cts. 17-30-4, DATED 3rd—4TH NOVEMBER 1930.

Sanctioned.

P. MAHADEVAYYA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.